

## CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF AREA CODE RELIEF IN ILLINOIS (Through January 24, 2002)

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1947	312 Area Code is assigned to Metropolitan Chicago.
1989	312/708 Area Code geographic split is implemented for Chicago/suburbs.
July, 1994	Notice of impending 708 Area Code exhaust.
February, 1995	<u>FCC rejects ICC proposal for separate wireless phone area code (wireless overlay) stating the proposal is anti-competitive.</u>
March, 1995	ICC approves three -way 708/630/847 Area Code suburban split.
August, 1995	Notice of impending 312 Area Code exhaust.
November, 1995	ICC approves a stipulation for a 312/773 Area Code split for Chicago.
January, 1996	708/847 Area Code split is implemented in the northern suburbs.
August, 1996	FCC mandates 10-digit dialing when an overlay is implemented for area code relief.
August, 1996	708/630 Area Code split is implemented for western suburbs.
October, 1996	312/773 Area Code split is implemented in Chicago.
May, 1997	<u>Notice of the impending 847 Area Code exhaust.</u>
May 1998	ICC orders an all distributed services overlay and one thousand-block number pooling trial for the 847 Area Code.
June, 1998	The North American Numbering Plan Administrator assigns 224 as new overlay area code for the 847 Area Code.
October, 1998	FCC rules in the Pennsylvania Order that states do not have authority to Order mandatory number pooling but Illinois is granted limited authority to continue its number pooling trial.
December, 1998	ICC confirms its Order directing number pooling in the 847 Area Code and directs staff to begin collecting telephone number utilization data from carriers in all five Chicago area codes.
December, 1998	ICC opens a docket to address the exhaust of 312, 773, 708, and 630 Area Codes and to consider expanding one thousand- block number pooling to those area codes.
June, 1999	ICC issues an interim order authorizing area code relief in the form of an all distributed services overlay in the 312, 773, 630, and 708 Area Codes and directs one thousand-block number pooling, as a number conservation

measure.

August 10, 1999	ICC petitions the FCC for a temporary waiver of the 10-digit dialing requirement for the overlay area codes assigned to 312, 773, 630, and 708 Area Codes.
August 16, 1999	The North American Number Plan Administrator assigns the following overlay codes: 708 Area Code's overlay is 464; 630 Area Code's overlay is 331; and 312 and 773 Area Codes' overlay is 872.
March. 1,2000	The FCC grants the ICC a temporary delay in implementing 10-digit dialing in area codes located in the Chicago metropolitan area where overlay area codes have been activated until the fourth planned area code overlay is implemented. The waiver initially expires on April 1, 2001. Waiver extended to January 7, 2002.
March 31, 2000	<p>FCC releases its Number Resource Optimization Order. The order in part establishes requirements state commissions must meet in implementing one thousand-block pooling. The requirements are:</p> <p>The state commissions must individually petition the FCC for authority to implement number pooling. The petition must show that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The NPA is in jeopardy;</li><li>2) The NPA in question has a remaining life span of at least a year; and</li><li>3) The NPA is one of the largest 100 MSAs, or alternatively, the majority of the wireline carriers in the NPA are Local Number Portability (LNP) capable.</li></ol> <p>State Commissions must have an area code relief plan established or available as a back up plan before number pooling is implemented.</p> <p>One thousand-block pooling can only be implemented where Local Routing Number, Local Number Portability has been deployed.</p> <p>State Commissions must appoint a number pooling administrator.</p> <p>State Commissions must develop their own cost recovery methodology for joint and carrier-specific costs of implementing and administering number pooling. The cost recovery plan must be able to transition to the national cost recover plan when it becomes effective.</p>
June 30, 2000	The North American Numbering Plan Administrator, acting on behalf of the Illinois telecommunications industry, files a petition with the ICC seeking approval of an all-service distributed overlay relief plan for the 815 Area Code.
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July 11, 2000	The North American Numbering Plan Administrator declares 618 Area Code in jeopardy.
July 20, 2000	<p>FCC releases Delegated Authority Order. The order clarifies the state commissions role in implementing number pooling. The FCC indicated:</p> <p>It has jurisdiction over numbering issues.</p> <p>Section 251(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, allows the FCC to delegate to state commissions all or any portion of its jurisdiction over numbering administration.</p> <p>FCC regulations require that number administration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) facilitate entry into the telecommunications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient and timely basis to telecommunication carriers, and</li> <li>2) that it not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of telecommunications customers and not favor one telecommunications technology over another.</li> </ol> <p>When the FCC delegates telecommunications numbering administration functions to a state, the state must perform the functions in a manner consistent with the above administration requirements.</p> <p>The FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Order adopted a nationwide system for one thousand-block number pooling and announced its intention to establish a plan for a national rollout of one thousand-block number pooling.</p> <p>National one thousand-block number pooling will occur nine months after the selection of a National Pooling Administrator.</p> <p>Existing delegations of one thousand-block number pooling authority to state commissions will continue until national one thousand-block pooling occurs.</p> <p>State commissions receiving delegations of pooling authority must conform to the national pooling framework as stated in the Number Resource Optimization Order.</p>
July 24, 2000	The North American Numbering Plan Administrator implements interim jeopardy procedures in the 815 Area Code. The interim procedures limit the number of NXX codes available for assignment to three codes per month.
August 29, 2000	Final Jeopardy procedures are adopted for the 815 Area Code. The procedures limit the number of NXX codes available for assignment to five per month. Jeopardy procedures are adopted for the 618 Area Code limiting the number of NXX codes available for assignment to seven codes per month.
September 1, 2000	Jeopardy procedures for the 815 and 618 Area Codes are implemented.

September 6, 2000	Consensus reached among the telecommunications carriers located in the 618 Area Code to seek approval from the ICC for an all services distributed overlay area code relief plan in the 618 Area Code.
September 28, 2000	An officer of Neustar testified before the Commission in an open meeting that the data to NXX code usage, as reported by the telecommunications carriers, “is historically inaccurate”.
November 13, 2000	Emergency conference call on 847 exhaust status with discussion of reclamation of un-assignable NXX codes.
January 11-12, 2001	NANPA led conference call with discussion on exhaust status of 847Area Code, reclamation efforts and 224 Area Code implementation schedule.
January 17, 2001	NANPA notifies ICC of 847 exhaust and initiates implementation schedule for 224 Area Code.
February 13, 2001	During an open in meeting of the ICC, an officer of Neustar states, that there are “fatal errors” in the area code usage data reported to the company by telecommunications carriers.
February 15, 2001	Commission rejects Neustar notice of exhaust of 847Area Code. Orders assignment of 9 “technically assignable” NXX codes. Orders all carriers to return any unused codes to the numbering pool (an additional NXX codes).
February —July 2001	Neustar assigns additional 14 NXX codes to carriers in the 847 Area Code. This extends the life of the 847 Area Code by an additional 6 months:
July 20,2001	Neustar notifies ICC that 847 Area Code will exhaust within 30 days. Upon issuance of first NXX code in new 224 Area Code, 90-day consumer education effort will commence.
September 14, 2001	NANPA notifies ICC of the assignment of the first NXX code in the 224-overlay Area Code.
October 18, 2001	NANPA files a petition with the ICC for approval of a Numbering Plan Relief Plan for the 217 NPA.
November 6, 2001	ICC files comments with the FCC relating to the National Number Pooling Rollout schedule. ICC indicated it supports placing the 815 and 618 NPAs into the first quarter of the 2002 rollout schedule. ICC also requested the 217 and 309 NPAs be moved into the 6th quarter of the rollout schedule and requested portions of the 618 and 815 NPAs, not located in the top 100 MSAs, be placed into the rollout schedule at or near the same timeframe that number pooling is implemented in the Chicago MSA (815 NPA) and St Louis MSA (618).
December 13, 2001	The first NXX code in the 224-overlay Area Code is activated.

January 7, 2002	Mandatory 1+10 digit dialing begins in the 847 and 224 Area Codes.
January 24, 2002	ICC initiates an investigation into the requirement for a single overlay for the 312 and 773 NPAs.

**847 Area Code important dates are highlighted**